

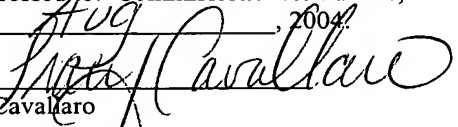


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case Docket No. IR 7191-00

Inventor(s): Russell et al
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For (title): TOOTHBRUSH FOR DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF PLAQUE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

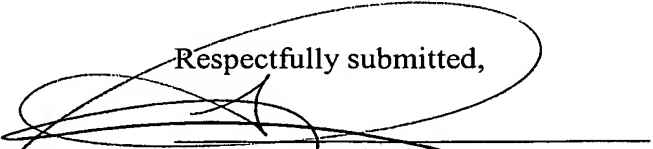
Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Please find attached one replacement sheet of drawings including Figs. 2A-4, which now includes Fig. 2A originally described in the specification. Such replacement sheet of drawings does not introduce any new matter to the application as the subject matter of the drawing described in the originally filed application. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application should be accorded the original filing date of January 29, 2004.

Examination of the specification in the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Account No. 03-2455.

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